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SWITCHED ON WALKERBURN

Walkerburn sparkles after dark since the lights were switched on and the decorated Christmas tree is a sign that the Festive Season is just around the corner.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Walkerburn, as well as our readers from afar, a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

As usual, the past year has been one of mixed happiness and sadness, kindness and hardship.

But our community continues to flourish, a tribute to the past, a celebration of the present, and a testament to the future.

Change is ever present and inevitable. We hope that everyone will work together in the coming year to ensure that everything that happens is for the better.

Try to help just a little bit more, and use your own talents to encourage improvements. You never need to be alone in Walkerburn. There are many varied groups for you to turn to – and you will always be welcomed.

Happy Christmas all!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2017

Once again, the weather favoured us and a good crowd of onlookers, including Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mary Coltman, followed the parade of ex-Service men and women as they were led by a piper and marched at a sedate pace to the lovely War Memorial in Galashiels Road, where the Rev. Jim Benton Evans led the very moving Memorial Service.

The names of the fallen were read out in full by Col. John Purves and Colin Kerr and, after the bugler sounded 'Last Post', Robin Wilson played the accompaniment to the hymn.

Afterwards, everyone was invited back to the Village Hall to reminisce and to enjoy an excellent spread prepared by Patricia Purves and her team of volunteer ladies. As is usual, the Hall was splendidly decorated with an ever-growing display of photographs of men and women from Walkerburn, including the many who had so sadly and bravely lost their lives in combat, stretching as far back as the start of World War I.

Everyone who helped make this another moving and successful memorial day, including our local Police, the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, the school children, the wreath-layers and many helpers, deserves a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you to all concerned.

*Please note, the Community Council wants **everyone** in Walkerburn to know that they are most welcome to come to the Hall after the service. This social gathering is not exclusively for ex-servicemen. We will publicise this more next year and look forward to a large attendance on this special occasion as it will be 100 years since the ending of WW1.*

'BURNING ISSUES' APPEAL

The Walkerburn News Group is looking for new volunteers to join the small group who prepare and print Burning Issues each month.

Lesley and George are looking to retire after many years as Editor and Secretary. We will need someone who is willing to step forward and "learn on the job" over the coming year.

It does not take more than a few hours a month, gives an opportunity to learn new skills and keep everyone in Walkerburn up to date with "what's happening in the village".

If you think you can help then contact Allin for further details on 07985319009 or email: allin225@hotmail.co.uk.

We also have a small band of helpers to deliver the 'BurningIssues' and if you would be willing to help in this role please contact Allin - we look to limit the paper round to take less than 30 mins a month.

Many thanks!

Thank you Walkerburn from Poppy Scotland

Walkerburn raised a total of £246.66 for the 2017 Poppy Scotland Appeal.

The breakdown was as follows: Caberston Cafe £32.99, Post Office and Craft Club £139.47, HB Club £21.20 and The George Hotel £29. Thank you to everyone who displayed a tin and many, many thanks to all who gave a donation.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

Seasons Greetings to all our members. Many thanks to all who have supported us throughout the past year. However, we still need more help and support as possible. Come along to our meetings, as this will be a great help in helping make the village a better place for all.

Please contact us if you would like to know more.

More information can be found on the Walkerburn website: www.walkerburn.com

Burning Issues Contributors

Please remember to submit any articles, letters or other material for the February 2018 issue by the last day of January.

Thank you.



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Walkerburn Bowling Club

Although the season has ended, the Petanque continues.

Until we have deep snow, it will take a lot to deter the hardy bunch who turn out regularly and it is good to see the amenities being used so much. We are always looking for new members, and anyone wishing to join will be made most welcome. We also have junior sets of boules for younger players to use. Just come along on Friday afternoons and join in, or just watch. Enjoy a cup of tea and some cake afterwards!

Also, don't forget that we are holding a fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 26th January at 7.00pm in the HB Club. We are looking for Teams of Four (£10 per Team). There will a Raffle, generous Prizes and Entertainment. *“Come and enjoy a good night out!”*



Work will continue over the closed season to complete the clubhouse rebuilding and refurbishment, and to carry out groundworks as we prepare for a grand opening at the start of our 120th year next Spring! The fencing along the roadway has now been erected and has greatly improved the look of the grounds. Many thanks to Brian Swinton and his workers!

As another year draws to a close, the Committee would again like to thank everyone who helped make the past season a success, despite the many difficulties we had to overcome. To our members, sponsors, workers and many varied people who have supported us in any way. “Seasons greetings to all”. Thank you all so much. *Anyone wanting more details can contact us on 01896-870251 or e-mail geoles2@tiscali.co.uk*

Caberston Fishing Season 2017



Another season has come and gone on the scenic Upper Caberston beat.

Many of us who live here take it for granted, but one of the world's best Salmon rivers runs right through Walkerburn.

The season started with low water and few fish coming through. That changed when the waters rose and big run of fish hurried upstream. Unfortunately, they were in too much of a rush to be lured by the anglers and the season's catch fell short of the record 2013 season.

Never the less, a good number of salmon and sea trout were landed and weighed before being returned to the river. Subject to a full recount, but it looks to total 60 Salmon and 13 Sea-Trout. Looking at the beats that publish their catches on 'FishTweed', for the second year running we have the highest catch record for the Upper Tweed.

Many thanks are due to John Miller, Steve Dixon and everyone who helped to keep the visitors fed, watered and warmed! And thanks to the George Hotel for their hospitality and sustenance.

HB Club Festive Events



**Thursday 28th Dec - 7pm start
Wattie Ormiston Domino
Tournament (Doubles)**
Bottle draw + Cash Prizes

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If your group is not on the local contacts list, please send details to mail@walkerburn.com.

Note: If you want to advertise an event in the village you don't have to wait for the next issue of Burning Issues, but can send information direct to mail@walkerburn.com for posting onto the “what's on” page.

News from the Hall

A huge thank you to Alex Fotheringham from Clovenfords who gave up his time to provide an entertaining and illustrative talk on the history of the island of St Kilda to help our Hall Fund Appeal.

Thanks also to Walkernburn Post Office and Border Events for selling tickets and especially to all those who came on the night. A fantastic £300 was raised towards Hall Funds.

Well done and many thanks to Walkernburn Guild. Their coffee morning on 18 November raised over £500 the proceeds of which will be shared between Walkernburn Village Hall and Breaking the cycle of FGM - Feed the Minds.

Well done and grateful thanks to St. Andrews Church in Innerleithen who held a music and dance party on 2nd December which raised £440 to be shared between the Hall and "Social Bite", a Homeless Charity.

Huge thanks to Doug Wilson and Guy Taylor who gave up their Sunday to provide a Photoshoot in aid of the Hall which raised £150.

Fantastic professional photographs were taken. They are planning another event in the summer.

The Hall Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year and we wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our first event of the New Year will be a Haggis, Neeps & Tatties Evening on 26th January - hope to see you then. More details to follow.

St Andrew's Night Party

St Andrews Episcopal Church hosted a most entertaining musical evening on Saturday 2 December in the Walkernburn Village Hall in support of Hall Funds and the homeless charity 'Social Bite'.

An appreciative audience was entertained to a variety of tunes from local mistrel band HLC and the rector's 'Dismal Jive' duet. That was followed by songs from Dave Sargent. It was all good enough to get a sprightly Mollie McIntosh on her feet to dance! Finally, after a generous raffle draw, the evening was rounded off in traditional style by all present joining in a rousing

rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Many thanks to the musicians, the helpers, and all who came along to support two excellent causes. Including donations from supporters who were unable to attend, the amount raised by the end of the evening was a most generous, and much appreciated, £440.

Rural Round-up

This month we welcomed Moira Stark for a truly fascinating evening on how to make bracelets from safety pins and colourful seed beads.

Moira was brought up in Malawi and Rhodesia (now known as Zimbabwe) and throughout the evening she entertained us with stories of her life in Africa. Making a bracelet from safety pins is a very tricky craft and nimble fingers are required as well as a lot of patience but the end result is worth it!

Competition winners on the night were as follows:

Pin Cushion: 1st M Millar, 2nd L McDonald

Banana Loaf: 1st M Millar, 2nd L McDonald

Next month's meeting will take place on Wednesday

10th January, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Catherine Duncan from Cloudberry Flowers will be in attendance. Competitions will be a Border Tart and a decorated wooden spoon. Looking ahead to February 7th, we will welcome Libby Cairns who will demonstrate how to make a concertina keepsake. Competitions will be an apple tart (double crust) and a quilted item.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members!

Heather Shepherd

December Wild Side

Following the weasel last month, its' larger cousin, the stoat, paid a visit a couple of weeks ago.

It dispatched an adult rabbit on the lawn right outside the living room window. It wasn't a quick death but once there was a second bite to the neck, the rabbit's fate was sealed and within 5 minutes, the carcass was dragged under the hedge and away. It always amazes me how a stoat can handle an adult rabbit, which is considerably larger than itself, with such apparent ease. While we have rabbits coming into the garden, stoats and weasels are more than welcome but I'd like them to leave before the birds nest because they're rather partial to eggs and fledglings. Having said that, it's all part of Nature's plan. I do like seeing them leaping about in snow so maybe that's still to come. I'm not quite ready for a snowy backdrop to life just yet. I've still got summer bedding pots to clear as well as dead leaves. Bird feeding is at full swing again and the feeders are getting plenty of visitors. Even more interesting are the flocks of birds in the fields at the moment. There are large flocks of small birds about across the bridge on the south side of the village which I haven't been able to get a good enough view of to identify what birds they are besides chaffinches but I suspect that it may include bramblings and perhaps redpolls as they often fly together at this time of year, feeding in the fields. A bird I was pleased to

see was a magpie although it was on the back road near Kailzie Gardens.

I've always loved travelling by car on the back road, either to or from Gala or Peebles, because it's great for spotting different things. Earlier in the month than the stoat, my excitement was spotting a 'black' red squirrel near Juniperbank. Both grey and red squirrels can throw out these 'oddities' but from the size and ear tufts this was definitely a 'red' squirrel. I thought red squirrels were handsome anyway but this one, with its glossy black fur, took things to a new level. I love seeing all the usual wildlife but it gives me a special thrill to see something I've never seen before.

We've had a couple of runs in the car to the Cauld on Leithen Water near the start of the golf course at Innerleithen, to look for salmon going upstream on their late Autumn run. We've seen some jumping in the Tweed here and a couple caught by fishermen too but alas none yet at the Cauld. We'll just have to try again at the Spring run.

So with the colder weather on its way, keep feeding your garden birds, provide fresh water and look out for a wild Christmas and New Year.

Enjoy!

School News

News from Nursery

Our newly improved outdoor space is looking fantastic and we have an area filled with bark where we can explore or sit on a log and relax. Our canoe has now been made into a brilliant sandpit – although it got a bit wet with the heavy rain but we had fun solving the problem of how to get rid of all the water! We are still looking for small wooden crates or wicker baskets that are no longer required and we would gratefully receive those in order to develop a more ‘natural’ setting for the children. We went to Caberston Café as a treat for Miss Thomson’s last day and the ladies in the café were lovely – they served us our snack and we paid our bill by counting out the coins.

News from P1-4

GO! GO! GO! That is how it’s been in our busy little classroom this term so far and it’s not over yet! We have been making and creating and crafting all sorts from logs to designing boats for a ‘Snorgh’. Singing and dancing and drumming for our Christmas performance, which was spectacular! Our Rainforest topic is storming ahead and we have been learning how to write reports, which animals live in the rainforest, and even about the different climates of each of its four layers. The homework project this term was to create a diorama with research of the rainforest. These are by far the best ones Miss Newbold has EVER seen and every one of us should be super proud of what we have created with our families at home! Scottish Book Week last week was great fun and we even got to go on a wee trip to the Eastgate Theatre to listen to ‘Ollie and the Otter’ as part of the Readalicious Book Festival. We also shared our favourite books with each other and chose a book which we would take on a desert island which was super tricky as there are so many good ones to choose from!

News from P5-7

The last few weeks seem to have flown past! The class made a film for a special Remembrance Service with St. Ronan’s Primary School. For the filming we made more of our plastic poppies to display at the front of the school. We also filmed at the Walkerburn War Memorials and then put everything together into a PowerPoint presentation, with music. The completed presentation was very well received. Well done everyone for their excellent and confident presentation skills!

Walk to School Week was under the control of our Junior Road Safety Officers who did a great job in making sure that we all thought about getting to and from school safely. The whole School went to St. Ronan’s Primary for some gymnastics lessons on two of our Friday sessions with Mrs Ritchie. Everyone came back very excited at being able to use their gym facilities. The Parent Council asked us to make things to

sell at a stall for their Christmas Shopping Night. The children were very busy painting, creating and designing all sorts of items, which sold very quickly. Some of the parents also came in and helped us to make Christmas table centre-pieces using logs. We thank them for their input - it is lovely to have the community involved in the life of our school! Last week was Scottish Book Week and, as part of this, the class was lucky to have a visit by a book illustrator who carried out a workshop with the children creating a comic strip.

Christmas Party/End of Term Service/Christmas Lunch

The Nursery-P7 Christmas party will take place on the morning of Tuesday 19 December. Children can come dressed in their party clothes if they would like to. This year’s Christmas Service will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 9.15am when the Nursery will be performing a short Nativity narrated by the older children. All welcome. The Christmas Lunch will also take place on this day – menu for that day now available on ParentPay.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library Van final visit this year will be on the last day of term, Thursday 21st December. Please ensure that if your child has taken a library book home that it is returned to school by Wednesday 20 December. NO books will be issued for over the holidays and the Van will return first week back on Thursday 11th January.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who made our Parent Council Christmas Shopping Night such a great success, an amazing £673.76 was raised! Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes or home baking, thank you to everyone who worked so hard organising this annual event, thank you to all the parents who sold tickets before the event and thank you to everyone from the village and beyond who attended on the night or bought tickets! The latest collection of our textile recycling point generated £72.80. Thank you to everyone who has donated! A big thank you to Mrs Zokas who has raised a brilliant £76 by selling surplus books from our previous Book Fairs. This money has so far been used to buy a collection of contemporary novels for our library and a lovely new cosy rug for the children to sit on in the Library. Well done! Thank you also to Walkerburn Summer Festival Committee for donating not only a new Christmas Post Box for the children to post their cards into but also for a fantastic Christmas tree which has been beautifully decorated by members of the Tuesday Club, thank you!!

“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everybody at Walkerburn Primary School!”

WALKERBURN COMMUNITY CRAFT CENTRE ‘CRAFTS4U’

Walkerburn Old Mill Car Park

Tuesday: 1.00pm- 4.00pm (Quilting).

Wednesday: (Your Choice) 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Thursday: Class in knitting and crochet for beginners and more experienced people 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Friday: 1.00 pm – 4.00pm (Craft-for-Club)

Cost: Members £1.00 per hour, Non Members £1.50 per hour. Because of the continuing success of the Club, Membership now costs £20.00 per calendar year and allows you access to the cabin at all times and Social Membership is £5.00 per calendar year. Newcomers always given a warm welcome.

Any queries, please contact Jenni Brown on 01896 833883.

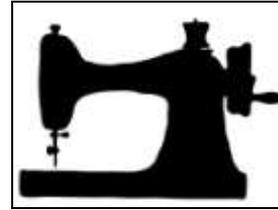
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WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November, 2017.** *(Full Minutes are also on the Community website)*

Present: Dr S. Henderson (Chairman), Miss M. McIntosh MBE, Ms M. Daykin, Mrs I. Ogilvie-Wilson (Treasurer), Mr. D. Thomson, Mr. G. Thornton, Mrs L. Thornton (Secretary), Mr P. Waller.

Ex Officio: P.C. Burnside

Presentation by Cath Shephard (Community Consultant, Eastgate Theatre)

The Community Council enjoyed a most interesting presentation by Cath Shephard regarding the future of the Eastgate Theatre in Peebles. The Eastgate is part way through an ambitious project to develop both its space and services. This is a rare opportunity to reconfigure the operation of the building and the Board and staff are very keen to hear ideas and suggestions from groups and individuals all over Tweeddale as to how it can be developed to benefit everybody in the community now and in the future.

As well as the facilities and services within the building, the project is interested in how the theatre might be able to work with Tweeddale groups in other spaces. It is especially interested in contributions from children and adults with disabilities, carers, older people and individuals living in outlying areas.

Cath Shephard has been employed as Community Consultant to gather information and feed it back to the design team on a regular basis. The information will also inform the bid for Big Lottery funding. She would love to hear your thoughts.

Please email outreach@eastgatearts.com for a copy of the questionnaire and more background information.

Cath also pointed out how much the Eastgate depends on its volunteers. The team – currently around eighty strong – carries out all sorts of jobs from helping in the cafe and bar, to manning the box office and ushering more than two hundred live performances and films every year and she is also currently accepting applications for volunteers for ushering, the cafe and box office.

Further information is available on-line at www.eastgatearts.com

The Chairman thanked her for a most interesting talk and distributed copies of information and a questionnaire.

Apologies and Notices

Apologies for absence received from, Mr I. McVean, Cllr. S. Bell, Cllr. S. Haslam, Cllr. R. Tatler.

Open Questions

There were no questions from members of the public.

Police Report

The Chairman welcomed PC Chris Burnside to the meeting and thanked him and his colleagues for their help in controlling traffic through the village during the Remembrance Day parade and Service. PC Burnside said that it was a pleasure to be able to help and he thanked the Community Council for their hospitality afterwards.

Councillors also thanked the Police for their excellent contribution to the recent 'Emergency Services' information day.

PC Burnside apologised for being engaged elsewhere and unable to attend the October meeting. He gave a short report, covering the period 20th October 2017 to 15th November, and stated that there had been no major incidents reported to the Police.

Minor incidents included reporting a person for driving without a necessary licence and a local resident arrested on warrant.

He pointed out that the local Police wanted to recruit volunteers to train as Special Constable, and again referred interested persons to the Police website.

The secretary thanked him for giving information concerning '30mph' stickers for attaching to dustbins in the village. She is awaiting more details from Graeme Tulloch of West Linton Council.

In answer to a question regarding implementing a 'No Cold Caller' zone in the village, he agreed that it was an excellent idea and referred to Community Council to the Police website to obtain further details.

Finally, he asked that residents be reminded of recent warnings and advice regarding

Dog Control, Fraudulent Telephone Calls, Bogus workmen, Personal safety and Home Security.

Members of the public are reminded to remain vigilant and contact Police by 'phone on 101 if they have any suspicions regarding person(s) or vehicles.

Please e-mail any feedback to: - christopher.burnside@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Approval of the Amended Draft Minutes of October's Meeting

Acceptance of these minutes was proposed by Mr P. Waller, seconded by Mrs I. Ogilvie - and passed by members.

Matters Arising from the October Minutes

a). Following previous complaints by residents concerning the rules governing private individuals

discharging fireworks late at night and close to public roads and footpaths, PC Burnside pointed out that the legislation is fully set out on the 'Legislation.gov.uk' website and its subsection, 'The Fireworks (Scotland) Regulations 2004'. In general, fireworks should not be discharged between 11.00pm and 7.00am, but exceptions allow such use until 01.00 on the nights of Chinese New Year, Diwali and New Year's Eve, and until 24.00 on 5th November.

b). Mrs Thornton reported that she and Miss McIntosh had attended a site meeting with Beltane Studio to discuss a quote for cleaning and maintenance of the War Memorial. They await a reply.

Action: Miss McIntosh

c). Mr Thornton reported that, further to requests for improvements needed on the Alexandra Park to Caberston Road Pathway, Glendinning Groundworks have submitted a quote for the works, which will be paid for by a Local Communities Maintenance grant.

Action: Mr Thornton

d). Mrs Thornton reported that the short flight of steps beyond the walkway in Alexandra Park raised walkway had been fitted with non-slip treads and thanked Jason Hedley and SB Local for an excellent job.

e). Following a request from Ed Shoote, Tweed Valley MTB Co-ordinator, to speak to the Community Council about new plans for improvements to Glentress, Dr. Henderson has invited him to give a presentation at our December meeting.

Correspondence List

Mrs Thornton provided members with the List covering October and November. (All e-mails had been already distributed to members):

1. Police Report from PC Burnside and apologies for not being able to attend the October meeting. He was on his way to the meeting, but was called to an incident.

2. Email from Rebecca McNaughton, Junior Account Executive, SP Energy Networks acknowledging our interest in their business and asking if we would like information posters. Mrs Thornton has requested for five, which I have not yet received.

3. Email from Irene Ogilvie Wilson with her husband's idea for the Localities Bid Fund – two speed signs for either end of the Village.

4. Email from Kirsty Robb, Capital & Investment Manager, Finance, Chief Executive's Department, SBC regarding the £1,086 Walkerburn War Memorial Fund. She looks forward to receiving the quote for cleaning the Memorial.

5. Email from Louise McGeogh informing us that the date of the next Tweeddale Locality Committee was 1st November, in St Ronan's Primary School.

6. Email from Colin McGrath informing us that the SBCCN AGM was being held on 1st November at SBC HQ.

7. Email from Countryside Alliance reminding us that the deadline for nominations had been extended to 17th November.

8. Email from Alex Crate, Account Manager, Energy Networks Association (ENA) regarding a National Campaign called "BE Winter Ready" to encourage people to prepare in case of power cuts or gas emergencies this Winter.

9. Email from Kris Tatum, Peeblesshire News asking for a copy of the monthly WDCC minutes. I have added him to the Burning Issues email list.

10. Email from Erica Niven, Access Ranger, West Area and St Cuthbert's Way, SBC, regarding the "Claimed Right of Way – Peebles Road to Mill Lade(riverside) with Timeline from 1980 and a map with Right of Way marked.

11. Email from Clare Malster, Strategic Community Engagement Officer, SBC, regarding the SBCC AGM and attaching four documents – two on "Involving Community Councils" and two on Burnfoot Bids Together" booklet.

12. Emails between Stuart Bell and Graeme Johnstone, Lead Officer, Access and Transport, SBC. This will be discussed at the WDCC Meeting on 20th December.

13. Email from Colin McGrath regarding the Locality Bid deadline.

14. Email from the Community Grants Team regarding the Locality Bid Fund.

Planning and Notices

There were no new Planning requests. However, mention was made that SBC Planners had now received assurances regarding the previous application for a Mobile Phone mast to be sited in Glendinning's yard. Members welcomed assurances that the mast would be painted a green colour, to blend in with its surroundings.

Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman reported that the Remembrance Sunday memorial service and lunch in the village hall had been a great success and was widely regarded as one of the best in the Borders. Attendance was at a record high. He thanked Colonel and Mrs Purves for all their hard work behind the scenes, and also to the rest of the helpers who helped everything run so smoothly. Once again, Col. Purves provided the excellent and moving photographic display in the hall.

He pointed out that next year would be the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 and advised that the Community Council start planning earlier than normal.

He also pointed out that, although there had been a large turnout at the memorial service, it was unfortunate that not everyone had taken advantage of the open invitation to all the village to share in the hospitality afterwards in the hall. This will be publicised more next year.

Action: Mr Thornton

Reports by Members

a). Mr Waller mentioned that he had a request from a resident for one of the 'Give Us A Break' signs to be donated to a member of the Primary School group who had been part of the design team. Mr Thornton reported that he was aware of this and had spoken to Jason Hedley. The sign will be handed over in due course.

Mr Waller also pointed out that, although the repairs to the Alexandra Park footway were now completed, the steps and railings located a short way to the East are in a dangerous condition and need repairs. SB Local will be asked to attend to this.

Action: Mrs Thornton

b). Ms Daykin reported that she had received several complaints about a mini-bus parking dangerously at the junction of Hall Street and Tweedholm Avenue, causing problems for pedestrians and motorists.

Action: Secretary to inform PC Burnside

c). Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson raised concerns about suggestions that Community Councils should be given more extensive powers, and that Community Councillors should be paid. It was agreed there was much concern

about this, and that any further developments should be looked into carefully.

d). Dr Henderson commented on a previous issue concerning disputed Rights of Way in the village. He pointed out that any queries should be referred to the SBC department which deals with such matters as these are not something that can be dealt with by the Community Council.

Dr Henderson also mentioned that there had been complaints from local residents and Emergency Services about inconsiderate and illegal parking along High Cottages roadway.

Reports by SBC Councillor(s)

a). Members thanked Cllr Bell for his ongoing help and advice regarding the Eastward extension of the 30mph Limit signs. The Community Council wanted to pursue this matter vigorously and appeal against the SBC decision not to go ahead with this request. Both the Council Chief Executive and the area Police Chief Superintendent need to be consulted and Cllr Bell agreed to assist. It was mentioned that Annex 'C' of the relevant regulations was, in fact, merely an

'interpretation' and should not preclude the right to appeal this decision, which would be an obvious denial of natural justice.

Any Other Business

a). The perennial question of traffic speed through the village was again raised. Suggestions for adopting rumble strips or other measures were discussed. It was pointed out that rumble strips were not a suitable method when in the proximity of houses as they generate a lot of noise that can cause considerable disturbance to residents.. It was suggested that there might be an opportunity to apply for one of the new Local Community grants to help regarding this ongoing problem. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact local groups for suggestions regarding this.

Date of the Next WDC Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20th December. All residents are always welcome to attend. (This will include a short talk by Ed Shoote, Developing Mountain in Scotland, Tweed Valley MTB, Coordinator MTBCoS about a project for investing in mountain biking in this area.)

Walkerburn Village Hall Haggis, Neeps and Tatties Night

Friday 26th January 2018 7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £10 available from Walkerburn PO and www.bordersevents.com

Musical Entertainment, Licensed Bar (wine and beer).

Vegetarian option available.

Enquiries: winpennel@hotmail.com or Walkerburn Public Hall FB page.

Walkerburn Bowling Club Quiz Night

H.B. Club Friday 26th January at 7.00pm

Teams of Four (£10 per Team)

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Walkerburn Baby and Toddlers' Group

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George Hotel Christmas Fayre

The George Hotel is in festive mode and geared up for Christmas and Hogmanay.

Although we have numerous bookings for most evenings and events, we will try to accommodate everyone who wants to enjoy our excellent cooking and friendly atmosphere. Seasonal menus will be delicious and varied.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL: DECEMBER/JANUARY

Date	Event	Time
December		
Sunday 17th	Church Service	10.00am
Wednesday 20th	Walkerburn & District Community Council	7.00pm
Sunday 24th	Church Service (changed from 31.12.17)	10.30am
January		
Tuesday 9th	Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in Anteroom	10.00am
Wednesday 10th	Rural- Catherine Duncan, Cloudberry Flowers	7.30pm
Tuesday 16th	Lunch Club	12 noon
Tuesday 30th	Guild – "A Burns Hooli"	2.00pm

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL

Sundays	Table Tennis	6.00 – 9.00pm
Mondays	MindfulYoga <i>18th Dec last session of the year – recommences 8th Jan 2018</i>	7.00 – 8.45pm
Wednesdays	Tai Chi <i>20th Dec last session of the year – recommences 10th Jan 2018</i>	10.15 – 11.45am
Thursdays	Youth Club <i>Finished for the year on 14th Dec</i>	6.30-8.30pm

Anyone interested in booking the hall, please contact Win Pennel on 01896 870236

Note: Hall Rental charge for up to three hours use is £18



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